Over the past few years the responsibility level in the AMA organization has increased significantly due to the number of projects and reservation activities that have come under the AMA purview. This increase in activity, the level of management oversight required of those activities, and the overall limitation of FTEs moved me to look at some non-traditional ways of getting the required assistance in managing AMA operations.

I am very pleased to announce that effective immediately John Shewairy has agreed to serve as my Deputy on a collateral basis with his current position as Director of Public Affairs. John is a multitalented individual with a variety of unique leadership experiences developed in supervisory and managerial positions with the military and various government agencies over the past 25 years. My own personal experience with John is that he asks the right questions even if they are difficult to answer. He is also very dedicated to public service.

I very much appreciate John's willingness to support me and the AMA organization and look forward to taking advantage of all his skills and abilities.

Dan Wilken